

# Statement of Faith

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

Our ministry builds upon Christ the only foundation. The Bible is shared as the inerrant Word of God. Our vocation and ministry emerges out of Antioch New Life Christian Center, a New Covenant Christian Assembly Church. With our vision and perspectives strongly rooted in the Holy Bible, the Word of God, we affirm the Oneness of God who has made himself known as the Father in Creation, the Son in Redemption, and the Holy Spirit in the Church.

### In Particular We Affirm:

#### **The Inspiration and Authority of the Scriptures;**

1. We believe the Bible is the infallible revelation of God to man and that it is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

*2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21*

#### **We affirm the Incarnation, Virgin Birth, Death, Burial and Resurrection of our Saviour;**

2. We believe the Word of God was made flesh and dwelled among us in the Person of Jesus Christ. He was born of the Virgin, Mary and He died, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day.

*John 1:14; Matthew 1:23; Matthew 27:57-60; Matthew 28:6-7*

#### **The Existence of One God and the Reality of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;**

3. We believe that God is a Spirit. He is the Father in Creation; that He was in the Son reconciling the World back to Himself and that He is in Us as the Holy Spirit.

*1 Thessalonians 4:8; Ephesians 1:13; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Isaiah 9:6; 1 John 5:7; John 4:24; Romans 8:9*

#### **The Creation of the Human Race in the Image of God;**

4. Man was created originally in God's image. Jesus Christ was sent to restore man back to this state.

*Colossians 1:15; Genesis 1:27; Romans 8:29*

#### **The Fall and Resultant Human Depravity;**

5. We believe that Sin entered into the World through the Sin of one man and the fallen nature and resultant human depravity is the result of that.

*Romans 5:12*

#### **The Deity of Christ, His Incarnation, Atoning Death, and Resurrection;**

6. We believe that Christ was God with Us. We believed His Death atoned for our Sins and that He rose from the dead on the third day.

*Matthew 1:23; Romans 5:11; Acts 4:33; Acts 2:31*

#### **Salvation by the Grace of God Through Faith by the Power of the Holy Spirit;**

7. We believe that Salvation is the Gift of God and cannot be earned according to the flesh. We believe that we are saved by grace through Faith. We believe that the Word of God regenerates us and we believe that the Spirit renews us.

*Ephesians 2:8; Romans 5:21; Romans 11:6; Ephesians 2:5; Titus 3:7*

#### **The Pentecostal experience of the infilling of the Holy Spirit with Speaking in Tongues;**

8. We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the promise to every believer, as a subsequent work to salvation. We believe that it is essential to living a Spirit-filled life: prayer language (speaking in tongues), Gifts of the Spirit and their administration; and the power to be a witness for Christ.

*Luke 3:16; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 1:4-5, 8; Acts 2:4, 38-39; Acts 10:44-47; Acts 19:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11*

#### **One Holy Christian Church, the Body of Christ;**

9. We believe that all believers are part of one universal, Holy Christian Church. We believe that this Church is the Body of Christ. We are all members of one another.

*Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 3:6; Colossians 2:17*

#### **The Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the Consummation of All Things.**

10. We believe that Christ was taken up into Glory and will return in like manner. We believe he is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

*Acts 1:11; Mark 8:38; Revelations 21:5-8; Revelations 22:12-14*

**We accept the sacraments as taught by our Lord Jesus and His holy Apostles.**

11. We believe in the water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ. We participate in the Holy Communion as biblically instructed and in true spiritual communion among the saints.

*Acts 2:38; Acts 19:2-6; Lk 22:16-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; 1 Corinthians 10:16*